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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58451)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15039) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN J. SUMMERFIELD  
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ReNKlet to Bureau, 12/6/71, captioned [ ]  
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Referenced letter requested information relating  
to [ ]

[ ] In addition, the views of the  
NYO were solicited concerning a possible interview of DR.  
MARTIN J. SUMMERFIELD, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. (S) (U)

With reference to the first point, [ ]  
[ ] has advised that [ ]

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Dr. SUMMERFIELD as head of the laboratory in which  
[ ] worked was apparently unaware of [ ] (S)

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- 3 - Newark (65-3947) (RM)
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[redacted] This being the situation and bearing in mind the important overriding consideration of the security of [redacted] there is little of value that could be obtained that is not already known from an interview of DR. SUMMERFIELD. For the interview to be effective it would be necessary in some manner to suggest to DR. SUMMERFIELD that [redacted]

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[redacted] Considering DR. SUMMERFIELD's background, his employment as a member of the faculty of Princeton University and the fact his personal feeling towards or knowledge of [redacted] activities are not known, it is felt that [redacted]

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In addition to the above, it is felt that to interview DR. SUMMERFIELD at this time [redacted]

[redacted] is to further place in jeopardy the security of [redacted]

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In view of the above, the NYO feels that an interview of DR. SUMMERFIELD should not be considered at this time.

As all outstanding investigation has been conducted by the NYO, this case is being RUC'd to the office of origin, Newark.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE POSITION OF [redacted], EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING ANY INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO THIS SOURCE AND NO ACTION TAKEN WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THE INFORMANT OR REVEAL HIS IDENTITY.

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ReurFD-379 dated 1/31/72 and NYlet dated 1/27/72.

The Bureau agrees with the New York Office and does not desire that an interview with Summerfield be conducted at this time. As noted by the New York Office, in order to conduct an effective interview with Summerfield, it would be necessary to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since such information originated with [REDACTED] such a revelation could jeopardize the security of that highly important source. Further, as noted previously, [REDACTED]

In addition to the above, Summerfield's background is such that it is not deemed advisable to inform him that [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] Summerfield is the head of a laboratory at Princeton Univ. where [REDACTED] Soviet exchange student, worked for [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

NR suggested that Summerfield be interviewed; however, NYO felt that such an interview might jeopardize the security of [REDACTED] Summerfield was the subject of an extensive investigation by the Bureau from 3/49 until 6/51 and while no documentary evidence was located to establish CP membership, it was reported by former CP members that Summerfield associated with CP members, participated in CP meetings and in the opinion of certain CP members was a member of the CP in the 1930s. Summerfield was interviewed by the Bureau in 1951 and denied that he had ever attended any meetings known to be communist, but admitted he had attended social meetings to which the entire evening was devoted to Marxist philosophy.

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